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## SUMO'S BULLDOG SPIRIT

Today is St George's Day and 11-year-old Bethany Dunkin's bulldog Sumo is clearly looking forward to a day of partying and celebration. Yourdover would like to wish its readers all the best on this special day.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

HUNDREDS of people have turned out to a meeting at Dover Town Hall to campaign for a district hospital that Dover "desperately needs".

Organised by Eythorne parish councillor Reg Hansell, it was standing room only on Friday evening when more than 300 people came to express their concerns about the lack of health facilities in the district.

Asked how he thought it went, Cllr Hansell told Yourdover: "It was beyond my wildest dreams that so many people turned out to show their support."

"The next step is to email all the parish and town councils and ask them to carry out petitions to be back in for May 26."

"That's three months before the NHS make their decision on poly-clinics, which we don't want here. We need a proper hospital."

"While that's going on, we are also hoping to arrange for an action group to be started."

Labour MP Gwyn Prosser and Charlie Elphicke, Conservative parliamentary candidate for Dover and Deal, both attended to show their support for the campaign.

Mr Prosser said: "My commitment to Buckland is more than just political. I've lived in Dover for 30 years, my son was born at the hospital and I've been treated there. My wife nursed in the Ramsay Ward until it was shut down, so no one can doubt my commitment."

"In the past the PCT and East Kent Hospital Trust promised me no acute services would be lost and assured me we would retain 100 beds and a day surgery, ensuring hospital care in Dover had a future."

"Two years later I was betrayed by the PCT when they moved the day surgery from Buckland

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# Homes risk warning by candidate

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MORE than 6,000 households in the district are at risk of falling behind on mortgage repayments, according to Conservative parliamentary candidate Charlie Elphicke.

His evidence, from credit rating experts Experian, shows 6,722 households in Dover and Deal are under financial pressure as the cost of living continues to increase.

As the credit crunch bites, mortgage lenders are also tightening their belts and mortgage rates are increasing so potential buyers are unable to get on the property ladder.

Homeowners may also find it harder to make repayments, possibly leading to repossession of their property, and figures from Experian shown the Dover district could be affected in some cases.

Mr Elphicke is pushing for the Government to do something about the situation.

He said: "The Government needs to act quickly to help get people access to mortgages and better rates."

"Otherwise we will see what is currently worry turning into a real house price slide."

"The financial system is complicated but the Government should follow the advice of Shadow Chancellor George Osborne and allow banks to sell mortgages to the Bank of England in return for Government bonds."

"That would enable banks quickly to get hold of more cash and start lending again - at better rates."

Gwyn Prosser, Labour MP for Dover and Deal, hit back at claims by Mr Elphicke that the district has households at risk of failing to make mortgage payments.



**COST OF LIVING:** Charlie Elphicke, Conservative candidate for Dover and Deal

"Charlie Elphicke is acting wholly irresponsibly in raising fears amongst constituents."

"He took figures from listings compiled by right-wing magazine Spectator, edited by Boris Johnson who shouldn't be taken any notice of."

"Experian figures make clear the numbers are not related to the number of borrowers but the number of people."

"In Dover 30 per cent of households are in rented or council accommodation. Mr Elphicke's view is a complete distortion of the real situation and a very irresponsible line to take from someone who aspires to be MP for Dover and Deal."

A spokesman at Experian said: "The figures for the Dover and Deal constituency come from sub-prime analysis. Those in a sub-prime category are the people who will be under more financial pressure as the cost of living increases."

"It doesn't necessarily mean these people have bad credit ratings but means these households will be more financially stretched and therefore will find it harder to make mortgage repayments."

"It is a relatively low figure out of the 37,758 households in the constituency."

## yourdover NEWS IN BRIEF

### Man charged after alleged drugs find

CANNABIS valued at almost £635,000 has allegedly been discovered in a motor home at the Port of Dover.

Some 66lb of resin was allegedly found under a bed and seized by officers who searched the vehicle on Saturday at Dover's Eastern Docks.

Robert Claude Orchard, 64, a Briton who lives in Malaga, Spain, has been charged with attempting to smuggle drugs.

### Barn is destroyed in cardboard blaze

FIRE-FIGHTERS have been tackling a blaze at a processing plant near Sandwich.

Five tonnes of bailed cardboard and packaging caught fire at Europa Nursery at Hills Court Road in Ash on Monday) at about 9.15pm.

Kent Fire and Rescue were called to the scene tackled the fire all night.

A single-storey barn and two articulated trailers were destroyed. There were no injuries.

### Animals to tuck in to apple haul harvest

APPLES used to hide 4.6 million cigarettes being smuggled into the country have been donated to wild animal parks in Kent.

Eleven pallets of Gala apples have been given to Howletts and Port Lympne to feed the animals.

Officers from the Border Agency made their discovery on April 8 at the Port of Dover.

The driver of the lorry carrying the contraband has been bailed.

### Rock pool invitation has family appeal

FAMILIES are being invited to join the White Cliffs Countryside Project and go rock-pooling.

It will be led by Nature Table from the WCCP and experts will be on hand to help with the identification.

The event is being held at St Margaret's Bay on Sunday, May 4, at 5.30pm for about two hours.

Meeting place is at St Margaret's car park at the bottom of Bay Hill.

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# Three candidates are in the running for district seat

## Little Stour and Ashtone ward is up for grabs

DOVER District Council is getting ready for a by-election for the Little Stour and Ashstone ward.

Those vying for the seat are Bryan Curtis for the Liberal Democrats, John Bird for Labour and Mike Connolly for the Conservatives.

Bryan Curtis, who represented the old Dover district ward of Little Stour from 1999 to 2003, represents all parish councils on the local development framework group.

He is also chairman of Wingham Parish Council.

Mr Curtis, a driving instructor by profession, said: "A stronger voice is needed at DDC to speak up for the rural areas."

"We need to do all we can to retain local services such as post offices, shops and health facilities at a time when various Government departments are implementing policies that threaten village life."

He is also interested in traffic issues and problems with speeding in villages as well as campaigning for improved public transport.

"We know there are residents, young and old, who don't have access to their

BY MARIJKE COX

own transport. If commercial bus operators can't provide services to meet those needs, then local communities and councils should work together to either take people to services or bring these services to people."

The Conservative candidate for the seat, Mike Connolly, lives in Wingham Well with his wife and two teenage children.

A marketing manager at Kent College, he is coming up to retirement and believes this will allow him to devote his time to the people in the ward if elected.

He said: "I haven't been a councillor before, so I'll be watching and learning from others."

"The main issues I am concerned with are vehicles speeding through the villages and the low-level crime in the ward."

"There are also planning issues that I would be able to help with."

"My family and I have been very active in the community since we moved here six years ago and I have had a very good response from people that I have spoken to."

"There are already two councillors

for this ward and I certainly hope that, if elected, I would be able to lighten the load."

Labour candidate John Bird is also hoping to gain a seat at Dover District Council.

As the head-teacher of a primary school and the father of two sons, Mr Bird would like to see more done to improve facilities for young people.

He said that, if elected, he would strive to provide local job opportunities and improve services in rural wards.

"I'm aware that I don't live in the ward but I will make sure I am available to residents. Fundamentally I want to try to empower the local people."

Another main priority of Mr Bird is the environment.

He said: "The environment is pivotal to everything. This is not just another policy but something that I would want to promote and raise awareness about."

"I'd also like to see low-level crime cut and try to stop vandalism and groups hanging out on the streets."

• Elections take place tomorrow (Thursday) for the ward, which covers Ash, Stourmouth, Preston, Wingham, Staple and Goodnestone.



LIB DEM: Bryan Curtis



CONSERVATIVE: Mike Connolly



LABOUR: John Bird

## Quarterdeck is a 'key site on this town's seafront'

THE leader of the Labour group at Dover District Council has shown his support for a new cinema to be built at the Quarterdeck site in Deal.

Last week, Yourdover revealed that a former manager at Flicks cinema was trying to obtain a lease for the site but instead the council was spending £30,000 to develop it and sell it on.

Cllr Ben Bano, leader of the Labour group, said: "The Quarterdeck may be a little run-down at present, but it is in a key site on Deal's seafront."

"This is an ideal opportunity to look ahead to see how the building can be used in the future to benefit residents and visitors alike."

"There is growing support for the building to be used creatively, perhaps as a cinema and a centre for the creative arts."

"What we don't want to see is the building being sold to the highest bidder just to raise money for the cash-strapped district council."

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Why coastguards are taking to the picket line

## Hundreds make case for town hospital future

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to Canterbury without consultation.

"This was the turning point in our relationship and I started a campaign which received 15,000 signatures in support."

"I recently received minutes of the hospital trust's steering group meeting. It had a list of points they were considering, and following a discussion two options may be worked out."

"Both of these will be to possibly develop the Buckland site. Either to invest and develop on the lower floor or to have a new-build in the staff car park."

"This is a good thing to keep the facilities controlled by the trust, but we know Dover council has a vested interest in making the site vacant for house-building."

Mr Elphicke also spoke at the meeting. He said: "The events over the last decade have been a complete disaster."

"We need to build a future here and a community hospital will help move us forward."

Residents from around the district spoke out about having to travel miles to hospitals in Margate and Ashford and how, despite a population of over 100,000, they feel there are insufficient health facilities.

## Cash In The Attic is a grand event

BY JULIE MADDOCKS

THE idea of sorting out the loft to discover that you were sitting on a fortune is one that obviously holds huge appeal, and it was proved when more than 5,000 people headed to Walmer Green at the weekend.

Despite a cold misty start to the day, nothing was going to deter the treasure hunters.

More than 100 stall-holders set up their stands selling a range of antiques, collectables and crafts last Sunday, attracting bargain hunters from around the county.

It was all made possible by the town's Spring Brocante and the team from BBC One's Cash In The Attic. The roadshow was the first of a series that will be held at fairs, shows and exhibitions around the UK.

TV presenter Lorne Spicer and antiques expert Tom Keane from the popular programme were on hand to offer valuations and advise on how to turn collectables into cash.

Lorne's love of collectables started as a child when she was dragged around an antiques fair, and partly began in Deal when she visited her great-grandmother who lived there.

"We used to come down here once a

month," she remembers. "So I'm very used to doing the windy and blustery walks along the front. Actually a top tip from my great-grandmother was to always go to the jumble sales at Walmer because she always told me they were really posh there."

Posh or not, many people were clearly delighted with the estimated price their items could fetch.

Janet Hartley from Deal took along a 17th-century picture that had been redundant for years but was promising to fetch a few hundred pounds.

"It's been brilliant," she said. "So much better being part of it rather than just watching on the television - when you are actually here it's wonderful."

The Spring Brocante organisers were thrilled when the TV programme chose Walmer for its premier show.

Cllr Pat Heath, chairman of Walmer Parish Council, said: "This is the first large antiques and collectables fair ever to be held here and it has generated a fantastic response."

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

## £4 million 'not enough money' say Lib Dems

DOVER'S Liberal Democrats have blasted a Government funding scheme, claiming a £4 million grant for the town is "woefully inadequate".

This month's announcement by culture secretary Andy Burnham that Dover was one of the towns chosen for the regeneration programme Sea Change meant £4m was heading its way. But Dover Liberal Democrats say this works out as just £38.25 per resident.

Campaigner John Mackie said: "The announcement shows the Government recognises the special needs of Dover. But we are not convinced these small handouts will act as a catalyst for further economic regeneration."

"Under the scheme, local authorities that will be putting forward projects for funding must find the same amount of matching funds to qualify. That means another £4m will need to be raised."

"Regeneration of Dover requires more than a few roads and pathways."

## Free leisure training on offer for women

WOMEN are being offered free training for the sports and leisure industry.

Registration for the project, Winning With Women, is taking place at Dover Leisure Centre on Monday, April 28, from 9.30am-midday.

It gives women a chance to speak to staff from Amac Training, which is providing the course in association with Sussex Downs College.

The scheme aims to recruit 250 women across the South East to help them gain the NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Exercise Studies.

For more more information, phone Maggie Snell on 01227 831840 or email maggie.snell@amactraining.co.uk.

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The comedy blunder that set up a Dover Athletic victory

# 'My club does not disturb neighbours'

THE owner of a music club blamed for contributing to anti-social behaviour in Deal has hit back following a licence review of her business.

Gloria Melani, who owns Cassanova Mio in the town's High Street, said she would appeal the court's decision to cut her hours and believes the situation came down to a mix-up by the council.

"There was a misunderstanding because they gave us long hours for amplified music in the restaurant on the ground floor."

"If I use that, it would be a nightmare for people living nearby, but I won't do that."

"I only have that in the basement music club, where it's not a problem."

"They have now cut my hours, but it doesn't

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take effect because I'm going to appeal. So until the appeal goes ahead I will trade as normal."

Tony Bartlett, licensing officer at Dover District Council, said: "The premises have a licence allowing regulated entertainment."

"Ms Melani originally applied for a licence until 4am, but discussions led to the decision that she could only have a licence for regulated entertainment until 3am but could stay open until 4am."

"A review was called by a resident complaining about noise and anti-social behaviour, and the courts reduced the hours to midnight from Sunday to Thursday and 1am on Friday and Saturday."

"If any party doesn't agree with the decision

they have 21 days to lodge an appeal and the establishment can continue trading as normal until further notice."

"A licence doesn't allow us to put a closing time on the premises, though. Under old licensing rules, establishments were given closing times, but this is no longer the case."

Ms Melani said she was disappointed to hear that her business had been described by residents as a place where troublesome people were going.

She said: "This is not true. That is not the picture then and it's not the picture now."

"The hearing was four hours long and at the end of the day if it was as bad as people say they wouldn't have just cut the hours, they would have shut the premises."

"I don't want to cause any trouble to the neighbours."



## CHOC DROPS IN FOR MEAL

A mobile chocolate bar offering sweet treats has been in Dover.

Petra Barran, 32, who owns the Choc Star van, stayed with artist Joanna Jones before setting off on her travels around the country to impress people with her chocolate delights.

The main aim of her expedition is to offer chocolate treats in return for 'secret suppers' with people she meets along the way.

Petra said: "Meeting people is my favourite part, along with the excitement they get from the chocolate. I've realised British people have a real enthusiasm towards someone doing something such as this. I didn't think a new idea like this would be encouraged, but I was wrong."

Petra started off from London and made her way to Whitstable before stopping in Dover for the night.

She will now travel for three months offering chocolate in return for supper.

Among the delights she offers are Malteser muffins, millionaire's shortcake and chocolate Guinness cupcakes.



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**MODERN TRIBUTE:** Young people took part in the national commemoration of Walter Tull's fascinating life

# Artwork will mark hero's life and times

PAINTINGS of Dover icon Walter Tull have been created as part of a national exhibition to celebrate the life of the east Kent legend.

Young people took part in painting panels specially made by London artist Jonathan Boast to mark the life of the respected Walter Tull, the first black combat officer and professional footballer.

Held at Crabble Corn Mill and attended by the Mayor of Dover and chairman of River Parish Council, the event was part of national commemorations for Walter, led by The City of Westminster Archives.

The scheme is being funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and marks the 120th anniversary of his birth, the 90th anniversary of his death and the 90th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the Great War.

Although Walter has no known grave, he is named on the River War Memorial and the Dover Town Memorial outside Maison Dieu House.

Marilyn Stephenson-Knight, of the Dover War Memorial Project, discovered the English side of Walter's heritage came from Dover: his mother was from Elm's Vale and his father from Barbados.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

Walter was born in Folkestone in 1888 but was taken to London when his parents died. His young stepmother soon afterwards moved to Kearsney.

He has strong connections to the River and Kearsney areas of Dover and it is likely that he would have visited the area when he returned from the Western Front.

His stepmother and stepisters always kept in touch with him and requested his name be placed on memorials in Dover.

The second event to celebrate his life is being held at Dover Town Council chambers on Monday, April 28, between 2pm-4.30pm.

Creative artist Marysia Lachowicz will lead a discussion and a number of senior Dovorians, some of whom served in World War Two, will be in attendance.

Other major events are to take place across England and Scotland and the whole project will be brought together at a large exhibition at The National Army Museum and The National Football Museum.

Further information about Walter Tull is available at [www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk](http://www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk), along with details of those others who fought in the world wars.

## Cross-Channel plan for transmission

Artists from the Dover area and northern France have joined together to create a cross-border arts project based on the theme of Transmit/Transmettre.

Dover Arts Development and Espace 36, which is behind the scheme, aims to incorporate the artists' work into the heritage of Dover by staging the exhibition at Walmer and Deal castles.

Local artist Joanna Jones, musician Paul Cheneour and curator Benoit Warzee talk to Yourkenttv.co.uk about their work.

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## yourdover NEWS IN BRIEF

### Winning lottery cash is simply child's play

NEW play areas for Dover and Walmer are on the horizon after a successful £257,702 bid to the Big Lottery Fund's Children's Play Programme.

Modern facilities will be brought into Pencester Gardens and Marke Wood, including themed areas and structured equipment.

The Pencester Gardens play area will have a castle theme and zipwire feature, and Marke Wood will have a multi-use climbing frame and a circular story-telling area.

Work on the Dover area starts this week and Marke Wood in Walmer next week.

Cllr Nigel Collor, Dover District Council's cabinet member for access and property management, said: "These exciting new exclusive facilities will provide a great space for children to play."

"They are an important part of our ongoing commitment to improve strategic sites."

News of the play areas comes after a planning approval for a skate park at Victoria Park in Deal, funded by the county council, the Big Lottery Fund and the district council. New play equipment was also provided at the Butts in Sandwich, funded by DDC.

### New man at the castle talks town with mayor

DOVER Arts Development is inviting members of the public to meet French artist Philippe Bazin to hear about his work at Dover port.

The artist, from Paris, will be at The Roundhouse Theatre in the Dover Discovery Centre on Saturday (April 26) at 3pm.

He will be discussing his work at the port of Dover and relate it to other work he has done around the world.

### Double-decker is all at sea for a long journey

SEAFRANCE has welcomed the most typical of British vehicles on to one of its ferries – a double-decker bus.

On Monday, the SeaFrance Renoir opened its doors to Bristol boys Daniel Spokes and Matt Lumber aboard their converted double-decker as they set off on a 22,500-mile journey to Nepal.

All the money raised from their epic adventure will go towards the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation and the Mountain Rescue charity.

In addition, the bus will stop at Tbilisi in Georgia to take vital supplies to a school for the deaf.

Bill Laidlaw, SeaFrance sales director, said: "We are pleased to have been able to assist Dan and Matt to raise money for such excellent causes and wish them the best of luck."

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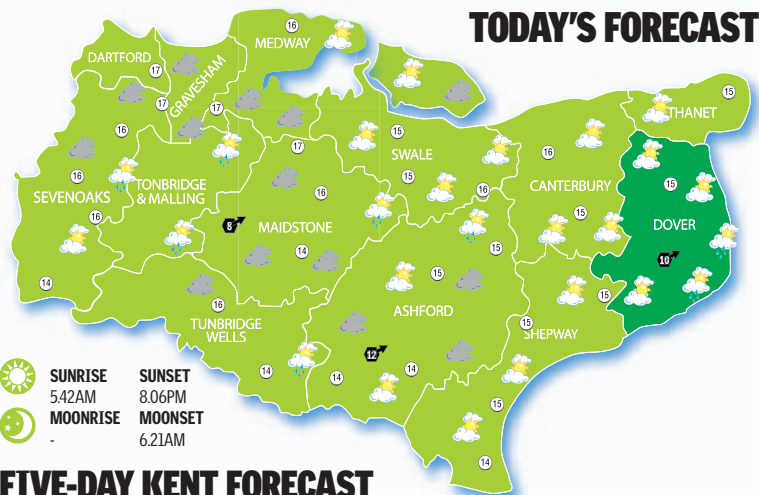
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| Dover      | Saturday | 2:05pm | 6.1m |
|            | Sunday   | 2:34pm | 6.0m |
| Dungeness  | Saturday | 2:08pm | 7.1m |
|            | Sunday   | 2:40pm | 6.9m |
| Ramsgate   | Saturday | 2:35pm | 4.7m |
|            | Sunday   | 3:04pm | 4.5m |
| Sheerness  | Saturday | 3:37pm | 5.4m |
|            | Sunday   | 4:08pm | 5.3m |
| Whitstable | Saturday | 3:43pm | 4.9m |
|            | Sunday   | 4:10pm | 4.9m |



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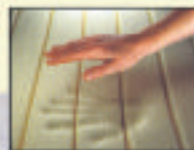


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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### KIRK ALEXANDER



**Q** What does your role and the role of the project entail?

**A** The project was set up in 1989 and I was employed to get the project going. The main aim of it is to conserve and enhance local wildlife and provide access for all to these areas. We have a core project, which is to manage a number of large sites, and also 24 smaller projects.

Other areas I work for include the Romney Marsh Countryside Project, which was set up in 1996. This area represents 40 per cent of the vegetated shingle in Britain. This is shingle that is stable and therefore lots of plants can invade. This is very good for lots of wildlife like insects and bumble-bees and also a lot of birds.

Therefore, as you can see, although it is the most important area, the project is not just about chalk grasslands. It all needs to be managed, otherwise they change in ways that could be bad for wildlife and people.

**Q** Why are Dover and Shepway important in terms of wildlife?

**A** Specific projects of importance at the moment include Dover's Whinless Down nature reserve. Our work here includes the reintroduction of grazing on chalk.

If this is not managed, then shrubs and trees quickly invade and they grow and shade out all the more rare and often smaller plants such as orchids, of which there are a lot in the area. It also has a good piece of chalk grassland where up to 50 types of plants thrive.

It is also important because there are a number of places that provide good countryside walks and places for recreational activities. You can see wildlife, go walking, enjoy cycling and take part in special activities for children.

It is very much about the wildlife and the people. We say that you can come to a park where you are welcome to walk on the grass!

Since 2004, these areas have been open to the public and we have gone above and beyond any legal duty to make it accessible to everyone by putting in steps and a number of interpretation panels, which provide the public with information about the area they are standing in or walking through.

**Q** What habitats are present in Kent, and how are they protected?

**A** Chalk grassland is one of the richest habitats in Europe for wildlife and has been described as Europe's equivalent of tropical rainforest. Dover and Shepway contain more than half the chalk grassland of Kent, or more than two per cent of the chalk grassland in Britain, or about one per cent of the chalk grassland in the world.

Sites such as the Folkestone Downs and the South Foreland Heritage Coast have been designated as Special Areas for Conservation because of their European importance for wildlife. This gives a hint as to why it is so important. Over the last 60 years, half of the chalk grassland in Britain has been lost. Many areas have become covered in shrubs such as hawthorn, which is difficult to walk through.

**Q** In your opinion, what are the most beautiful parts of Kent?

**A** To me, the White Cliffs are one of the most beautiful parts of Kent. They are protected as two stretches of Heritage Coast, which form part of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Heritage Coasts are designated for their natural beauty. There are 45 Heritage Coasts in England and Wales, but there are only five stretches in south-east England.

**Q** How long have you had this interest in wildlife?

**A** I have had an interest in wildlife since childhood. I was born in Kent and have been going out on conservation events since I was a teenager. As a child I was always asking: "What's that?". I studied biological sciences at Leicester University and went on to complete a PhD, looking at crop pests. Since then I have worked all over the country, in places including Cornwall, Berkshire and the Isle of Wight.

**Q** What problems do you come across in your line of work?

**A** Places such as Samphire Hoe, East Cliff and Warren Country Park and Western Heights are major tourist facilities, but because we do not charge for entry there is a problem in that we do not benefit financially from these areas. However, people spend in the shops and cafés and this contributes to the local economy.

**Q & A**

White Cliffs Countryside Project manager Kirk Alexander tells **Rachel McAthly** about his passion for wildlife, the projects he is involved in and why Shepway is Kent's equivalent to the tropical rainforest



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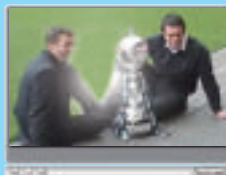
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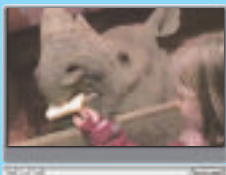
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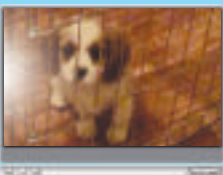
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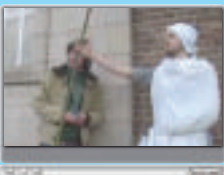
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# Crowds lifted me as rain dampened hopes

Our very own sports reporter DAVID PRITCHARD proved he has what it takes in one of the world's most gruelling sport events – the Flora London Marathon. Having had a chance to catch his breath, he explains what it was like.

IT'S not often you find yourself between Gordon Ramsay and Ronan Keating, but that's precisely what happened to me on The Mall 10 days ago.

Measuring your athletic abilities against celebrities is one of the many little bonuses which come with taking part in the London Marathon.

The three of us were among just over 34,000 to finish in what was not only the third largest in the race's history, but also the longest.

It was a touch ironic that on the occasion the race organisers had chosen to mark the centenary of the first running of the modern marathon distance, an emergency added 200 metres to the route.

Unbeknown to us competitors, as we set off in Greenwich Park the fire

brigade was being called to a suspected gas leak 13 miles further down the course.

As a result some of the field ended up running slightly more than the 26 miles 385 yards which was first covered in the 1908 London Olympics.

In previous competitions the distance had varied by over a mile and the original course from Windsor to the Olympic Stadium was 25 miles, plus a lap of the White City athletics track.

But in a last-minute change of plan the start was moved back up to Windsor Castle to allow the Royal Family to watch, adding a mile to the total.

The race entered sporting folklore not because of the change in distance, but due to its heart-wrenching finish.

Italian Dorando Pietri entered the arena on his own but on the verge of total exhaustion. Collapsing several times, he was helped to his



**ACTION:** Among the 34,000 to finish the London Marathon was our reporter David Pritchard, who is already keen to sign up for next year's race

feet by stewards, which meant that as he crossed the line he was disqualified for receiving outside assistance.

Fortunately my experience was a little easier than Signor Pietri's, but running a marathon can still have its pitfalls. Of the massed ranks on the start line, about one in nine needed medical assistance of some kind during the race, while 40 runners ended up in hospital despite relatively benign conditions.

The marathon tests mental strength as much as physical and my mind and body began to fall out with each other at about 15 miles.

It had all been going so well up to that point, but the combination of a rain shower and a rare quiet section saw the onset of the first of several difficult patches.

When things start to go wrong, the spectators take on a starring role.

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around Canary Wharf and the Embankment they manage to create an atmosphere which numbs the pain and replenishes flagging energy levels. They also bring all kinds of sweets to give strugglers a sugar boost, which is a wonderful idea and certainly helped propel me onwards to the finish.

Running a marathon requires months of lonely training, pushes you to uncharted levels of exhaustion and for days you walk

around like an old lady. But somehow it's all worth it and within hours I found myself thinking about doing it all over again. And next time I'm beating Ramsay.

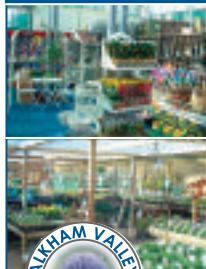
**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Modest David was raising money for Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) and raised £1,500.

He completed the race in an impressive three hours, 57 minutes, 44 seconds – comfortably beating TV action man Ben Fogle by seven minutes... not to mention some 23,000 of the 34,000 other runners.



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# Day trippers up to 39m – economy and jobs boost



**MAJOR ATTRACTION:** Leeds Castle is one of the sites that is boosting Kent's tourist economy with visitor numbers and spend up in new figures just released for 2006

**TOURISM** in Kent has seen a sharp rise in the number of visitors exploring local attractions and spending their cash in restaurants, stores, bars and cafes.

New figures show that during 2006 the county's economy benefited by £2.5 billion, an increase of 13.5 per cent on 2003.

Attractions such as Canterbury Cathedral, Leeds, Rochester and Dover castles, and Port Lympne and Howletts wildlife parks, all contributed to the boom.

Seven per cent of jobs are now supported by the travel industry – whether through day trippers or people taking a longer break. This is an increase of 2.2 per cent.

The figures were substantially up on those for 2003, which Visit Kent – a tourism group

■ **BY NICK AMES**

run by Kent County Council – used as a comparison.

According to the calculations more than 39 million day trippers arrived two years ago, and they spent more than £1.3 billion, a rise of 19.7 per cent. Just under that sum was spent by longer term tourists from the UK and visitors from overseas.

In all 84 per cent of visitors came from the UK with the rest mainly from continental Europe, the USA and Japan.

Fran Warrington, head of Visit Kent, said: "Tourism is a fragile and competitive industry and across the UK it has taken a long time to recover from the foot and mouth epidemic."

"But these figures show just how well we have been doing in maintaining and develop-

ing our position as a top UK destination.

"In part, these results are a reflection of the tremendous investment that has been made in our industry since 2003.

"When the research was carried out in 2006 more than £148.5 million was being invested in Kent in tourism-related developments.

"Major projects ranged from the £90 million second Swale Crossing improving access to the seaside resorts and heritage attractions on the Isle of Sheppey, to the new £37 million ferry berths and ships serving the Port of Dover."

KCC regeneration chief Roger Gough said the county faced the challenges of cheap air fares and city breaks in Europe but he said Kent had a bright future in the industry.

Mr Gough said: "This study confirms that our tourism, leisure and hospitality businesses are rising to both the short and long term challenges in their marketplace."

## Death of mother prompts action



HOSPITAL trusts must not get complacent in the fight against superbugs, a campaigner has warned.

Laura Probert joined the National Concern for Healthcare Infections (NCHI), which works to raise awareness of superbugs and other infections, after her mother died at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford three years ago.

She said: "She was in there because she fell and broke her hip, she was not ill."

"They operated and she got an MRSA infection in the wound. She was in hospital for three months and developed Clostridium difficile and e-coli – she just gave up in the end."

Since the loss of her 82-year-old mother, Mrs Probert, who lives in Ramsgate, has been working on behalf of the NCHI and plans to join LINK, the Local Involvement Network that will replace Patient and Public Involvement Forums.

"We were not told anything," she said. "It was such a battle to get information, but it has picked up now and they are taking it more seriously."

Despite infection rates of MRSA and C diff decreasing in hospitals across the county, Mrs Probert is concerned that trusts could get complacent and return to bad practice.

KOS Media has been running a campaign to help doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals battle against superbugs.

The award-winning publishers have been raising awareness that simply washing your hands at home and work using soap and water and the alcohol hand washing gel provided in hospitals is the simplest way to stop infection spreading.

Mrs Probert is speaking at the Westminster Health Forum next month about monitoring hand hygiene procedures and welcomed KOS Media's campaign.

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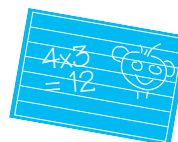
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The evening concluded with a performance of *The Daniel Jazz* by Year Seven pupils accompanied by the school's Head of Music, Mr Spanner, on the piano.

Other musical events to look out for include the school's Musician of the Year Competition on April 23, an Evensong concert by the choir on April 26 and the Spring Guitar concert on May 14.

A cello recital by Eric Bossard is also taking place on May 22.

For more information about forthcoming events contact Dover Grammar School for Boys on 01304 206177.

### Museum exhibition

AN ART exhibition is being held featuring work by pupils from schools in the district.

Transmission of Knowledge, part of a project by Dover Arts Development, is being shown at St Margaret's Museum in St Margaret's Bay from April 28 until May 11.

Work by students at Astor College for the Arts, Dover Girls Grammar, St Margaret's-at-Cliffe County Primary School and Sandwich Technology School will be on display.

The exhibition will show how pupils have developed their art with the help of UK artists taking part in one of DAD's projects.

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**BUSY DAY:** Students from Sir Roger Manwood's and Sandwich Technology School teamed up with creative practitioners to organise a day of entertainment for the community

## Pupils keep it real at Sandwich cultural day

BY MARIJKE COX

AN ARTS festival has come to Sandwich through the work of pupils from Sir Roger Manwood's and Sandwich Technology School.

In a celebration of the town's cultural heritage, students teamed up with creative practitioners, funded by Creative Partnerships Kent, to organise a day of entertainment for the community.

As well as performing their very own Sandwich Cha Cha to open Strictly Tea Dancing, pupils pushed a 12ft-high coloured object up King Street, much to the amazement of onlookers.

According to a source, the Boulder Rolling, as it is called, is a long forgotten ritual established in 1860.

Alice Walton, project manager of Cultura!

2008, said: "It all went really well - I'm still exhausted."

"It was a really busy day with a few hundred people attending. The great thing was the crowd ranged from the age of three to 83."

"The rain held off until later and although the fireworks had to be cancelled, the hundred people or so that came to watch them joined in with the rest of fun."

Strictly Tea Dancing at St Mary's Church proved popular among visitors with pupils and local dancers spinning across the dance floor.

In the evening professional dancers, moonlighting from Strictly Come Dancing, showed off their skills and Beverley Big Band performed to the crowds.

A series of hidden musical performances also took place at Fisher Gate, Pillory Gate and at the Post Office sorting office.

Fortune Tellers dressed in full costume shared their wisdom with visitors and a poster-making kiosk was put in the Cadets Hall where members of the public could make personalised posters about Sandwich.

The Mayor of Sandwich, Mr M B Trussler, was in attendance and kicked off the proceedings in Guildhall Square before handing over to Audio Shock who kicked off events at the bandstand.

Ms Walton said: "Cultura! would like to thank everyone who braved the weather to join the celebrations along with the shopkeepers who supported the project by donating their windows. We hope to see everyone in 2009 for a splash more culture."

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WE have seen in recent weeks possibly the first example of the way China can flex its international muscles with the squad of track-suited minders protecting the Olympic flame on its "journey of harmony" – which provoked riots from Paris to San Francisco.

They were there on the streets of London elbowing people out of the way, ordering British police and stewards around and generally presenting a face to the world of the kind of mentality that likes to crack down hard on a group of pacifist monks wearing orange robes.

According to some analysts the 19th century belonged to Britain, the 20th to the US and the 21st is set to be dominated by Beijing.

Now is this a state of political play which should be applauded?

The British Empire may not have been all sweetness and light. But both the British and Americans did have some sort of vaguely liber-

al consensus. Fighting the Nazis (both), suppressing the slave trade (us), roads, schools and hospitals (us again) and rebuilding Europe (them) all immediately come to mind.

But the Chinese have no such lofty ideals – whether its suppressing dissent or cosying up to regimes such as Robert Mugabe's or contributing to the genocide in Darfur, China has no interest whatsoever in anything beyond its own advancement.

So will this massive country dominate the world in the coming decades? I'm not sure it will.

Chinese goods may be cheap, its workforce willing and ready to work for 19 hours a day and its military top-notch.

But the British and American dominance came from something more than that. In the 19th century it was the earnest desire of every local potentate to have their sons educated in England. Although the former Imperial possessions are now rightly self-governing, how many former subject people play their ex-colonial overlords at sport?

Playing in England, whether at Lord's, Wembley or Twickenham, is often stated as

the crowning honour for cricketers from Pakistan, footballers from Jamaica or rugby players from South Africa.

America never had an Empire as such – it just conquered the world with a mixture of Coca Cola, mass production of consumer goods and endless repeats of Friends.

Britain was one of the first countries to respond to the allure of the USA – 1950s grey-ness was contrasted strongly with the land of the Cadillac, James Dean and Elvis Presley.

The rest of the world soon took notice and, unless actually banned, America is everywhere from Japan to Namibia.

But, in stark contrast, who would love to work all day in a stapler manufacturing plant in Shanghai? Or rationalise coal production at an office in Xi'an? China won't dominate as a cultural force like Britain did and the US does until people across the globe aspire to actually being Chinese.

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## TALK TIME

### NIGEL COLLOR

Meet the Tory Dover district councillor and cabinet member for access and property management.



#### Who or what brought you to Dover?

This was a little beyond my control as I was born in Dover and grew up in the town.

#### What is your favourite thing about the area?

The Gateway to England in the Garden of England makes this area a very picturesque part of the country. Dover is steeped in history – everywhere you turn you can see the old mixed with the new and this needs to continue in a sensible way. Enter Dover by road and you can see the castle looking down welcoming you and when crossing the Channel that solid structure standing on the famous White Cliffs gives a view second to none.

#### If you could change anything about Dover, what would it be?

Dover needs to be and is changing, and it is a pleasure to be part of the team driving this forward. The biggest hurdle is the severance of the seafront from the town by a trunk road carrying up to 10,000 trucks a day and the carbuncle right next to it called Burlington House that thankfully has numbered days now. Positive thinking and being proactive has started Dover improving and we all need to be more positive about the future of our area.

#### How do you think the A20 resurfacing is going?

The signing of diversion routes and the length of time that some roads have been closed has appeared shambolic. More constructive and effective communication with local representatives could have eased this. They did listen a little, but we still have high numbers of trucks using entirely unsuitable roads. Soon, apparently, they are starting to use the Folkestone Road diversions more, so we need to be ready. Woolcomber Street has been closed for about four or five weeks – ridiculous!

## YOUR LETTERS

### Improve ferry service instead

I understand plans have been put forward for a second Channel tunnel, which will no doubt cost millions and take decades to build. Instead I would prefer to see an increase in ferry services.

There's plenty of space at the cruise ship terminal to dock and unload vessels. And how about a fast Seacat-style ship?

Taking passengers only – no lorries – it would be an attractive way to get a car to the Continent with a journey time comparable to that of the Channel Tunnel.

David Phelps  
Deal

### Coastguards should be heard

Yet again frontline staff whose work is vital have to strike to get their messages heard.

I refer to the coastguards, whose job in policing the most busy stretch of sea in the world is vital, but like the fire-fighters their dedication goes unrewarded.

The coastguards' strike has attracted nothing like the attention of the fire-fighters – but we in Dover appreciate what a fine job they do.

Jon Newton  
Walmers

### Cinema would be great for town

I was reading Yourdover newspaper on April 16 and the



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front-page article about the cinema campaign in Deal. I would like to express that I

agree tremendously with Allan Thompsett about having a new cinema back in Deal, but not

where he wants it, which is the seafront. I think most people would agree to have the Quarterdeck refurbished and turned back into a function room/nightclub again and turning Flicks cinema where it used to be (Queen Street, Deal) but making it back to "the classic" how it used to be. This way we get most of the drunk, noisy people out of the town and up on the seafront where taxis can wait to take them home, plus young people with families can then afford to go to the cinema.

This will hopefully cut out having to afford bus or train fares to other cinemas such as Canterbury or Westwood, plus the outrageous prices of tickets in those cinemas. Deal just might then regain its respect.

If you're a teenager and live in Deal, travelling to Canterbury by bus it's almost £5 single there; add cinema tickets which are £7.50 plus concessionary, two hours watching a film then getting a bus back (another £5) – that's almost £20!

It's outrageous, and what if something happened to that child or even children – yes, maybe an adult could go with them, but how many adults have the time off on a Saturday to watch a film? How many children want a social life away from their parents so they can feel like a trusted young adult?

This could then be the way forward to stopping children and young adults sitting around streets binge-drinking or being bored. We need to do something about the younger generation to stop Deal being overrun with violence and boredom.

Instead of the council making the decisions all the time, it needs to listen to the views of the public – it's like we are not even being listened to.

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villages to be safe places to live, to do something about problems when they arise, to make it more enjoyable for everyone to live their lives.

I have written not to complain, not to moan, just to show I have a view. I'm part of the young generation of Kent who would like to see our view considered. Get a questionnaire out and consider what we want – don't use it to get points for a vote.

Name and address withheld

## We need to keep our cricketers here

With the cricket season now faltering into action, it's about time people sat up and took notice of what is happening in India.

The balance of power has swung away and the Indian one-day competitions look increasingly attractive when compared with the grind of the county circuit.

Our clubs should act now to reward players and keep their loyalty, otherwise a wholesale exodus could be on the cards and that would leave English cricket looking decidedly second-rate.

Norman Stone  
Dover

## Race coverage was truly outstanding

The coverage of the London Marathon on TV was one of the highlights of the year – no whining or play-acting, just athletes of varying abilities giving their best.

The Masai warriors running to

raise funds for clean water for their village was an undoubted highlight.

Gerald Mansfield  
Dover

## Speak up for those who have no voice

Every year on April 24 people around the world speak out on behalf of the victims of vivisection. World Day For Laboratory Animals is a time to reflect upon the suffering of millions of mice, cats, monkeys, fish, rats, dogs, birds, rabbits, pigs, horses and others.

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The UK conducts about 3 million 'procedures' on animals every year – more than any other EU country and a fact we should be ashamed of.

This year, please make your voice heard. Find out how by phoning Animal Aid on 01732 364546 or visiting [www.animalaid.org.uk](http://www.animalaid.org.uk).

Kate Fowler-Reeves  
Animal Aid, Tonbridge

## Children place their trust in keen runners

I am appealing to any runners who would like to take part in the BUPA London 10K run on Monday, May 26.

The Children's Trust is a national charity which provides care, education and therapy to children with multiple disabilities and complex health needs.

We still have a few guaranteed places available and would love to hear from anyone interested in taking part. I can be contacted on 01737 365017, [events@thechildrenstrust.org.uk](mailto:events@thechildrenstrust.org.uk), or [www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/run](http://www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/run).

Ceri Owens,  
The Children's Trust

## We still don't know psychological toll

We have all seen the physical injuries some of our troops have endured when serving their country.

The average casualty rate of a battalion in Afghanistan or Iraq can be up to 14 per cent, however we do not yet know the psychological injuries some soldiers will incur.

In addition to what the State is able to provide, in times of need soldiers turn to the Army Benevolent Fund (ABF), a charity that provides support whether soldiers are serving in the Regular or Territorial Army, are veterans or need help for their families.

The ABF has launched a new fundraising event, the World's Biggest Curry Lunch, based on the longstanding Army tradition of serving curry to their guests.

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Colonel Peter Cook  
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# Spanning the generations

## The pioneers of folk rock are still electric

AS the acknowledged pioneers of folk rock, Steeleye Span brought the genre to the international stage.

Since forming in 1969, the group has been at the forefront of the field and become a musical institution.

Members have come and gone over the years, but the line-up has always included some of the leading lights of the British folk scene. Perhaps best known for the hits *All Around My Hat* and *Gaud  *, the band has delighted audiences around the world and achieved gold disc sales status.

Following the revival of traditional British music in smoky clubs during the 50s and 60s, some musicians were beginning to consider the idea of setting folk music to electric accompaniment. In 1969 Fairport Convention released *Liege and Lief*, an acclaimed album of traditional ballads, but most members of the band did not wish to continue the trend.

However, bass player Ashley Hutchings was inspired by the discovery and he found like-minded musicians in the form of Maddy Prior, Tim Hart and Gay and Terry Woods. The group moved into a country house to get to know each other, before recording their first album *Hark! The Village Wait*.

Unfortunately the rehearsal process had not been entirely harmonious and the album would never be performed live, with the Woods being replaced by traditional singer Martin Carthy.



Fiddler Peter Knight was also recruited and the band finally embarked on their first live tour.

They also began to get involved in drama and the idea of touring the US was mooted, but Hutchings and Carthy suddenly announced they were leaving the band. The next line-up featured bass player Rick Kemp and guitarist/singer Bob Johnson.

There would be further changes over the decades, but the band took a strong cult following and converted it into an international fan base. They

toured the US with Jethro Tull, entertaining thousands of people with their dramatic staging and unusual songs. Following that tour they recorded the album *Now We Are Six*, which included a track on which David Bowie played saxophone.

Another project required a ukulele and, not knowing anybody who played, the band drafted in Peter Sellers for the afternoon.

It was the release of album *All Around My Hat* in 1975 that saw the peak of the band's commercial success and landed them an appearance on *Top of the Pops*, their second after *Gaud  *.

Chart success would not come again, but the band's popularity in the electric folk world continued.

The success of the 35th anniversary tour in 2004 led to the recording of studio albums *Babylon*, *Winter* and the latest album *Bloody Men*, released in November 2006.

The current line-up comprises Maddy Prior, the voice of Steeleye Span for 34 years, stalwart fiddler Peter Knight, bassist Rick Kemp, Ken Nicol on guitar and vocals and drummer Liam Genockey.

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Three classic bands will be taking to the stage and transporting the audience back to a time of flares, platform shoes and glittery make-up.

Showaddywaddy dominated the UK charts in the 70s from their very first release, Hey Rock and Roll, which went to number two. They went on to spend a total of 209 weeks in the top 40 and notch up 10 top 10 singles, including the number one smash

hit Under The Moon of Love. Sweet are considered by many to be the quintessential 70s glam rock band. They scored a number one with Blockbuster and had a further 16 charting hits.

Completing the line-up is The Rubettes featuring Alan Williams, who first reached number

one in 1974 with their first single Sugar Baby Love. The song sold eight million copies worldwide and was just the beginning of the flamboyant band's successful career.

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## JIMMY GREAVES

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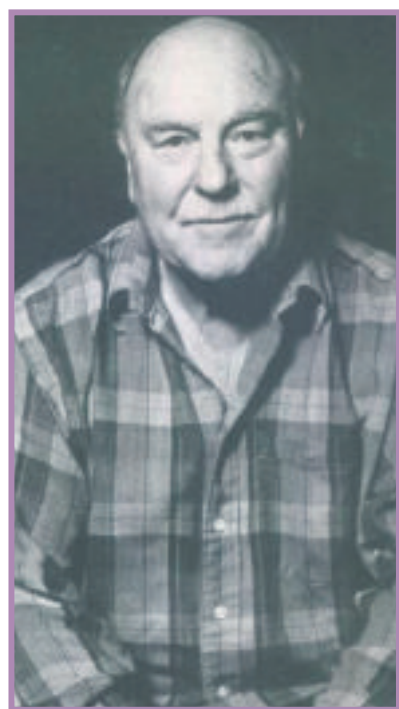
FOOTBALL'S funniest man will be telling stories from his amazing life at the Hazlitt next week.

An Audience with Jimmy Greaves offers football fans a chance to hear more about his extraordinary career as England's greatest goalscorer, while those who just enjoy comedy will find plenty to entertain them with his witty anecdotes.

Greaves was one of the game's biggest stars during the 60s and 70s, scoring a phenomenal 464 goals in 657 matches for club and country. He began his career in the Chelsea Youth Team, where he soon demonstrated his supreme talent, and scored on his debut for the first team. He had a brief spell at AC Milan, before being snapped up by his own team Tottenham Hotspur. There he enjoyed a stellar career and is still a revered legend among Spurs fans and England followers.

Greaves will be supported by another football star of the era, Martin Peters, and the show will be compared by Greaves' great friend Terry Baker. The show is suitable for adults only.

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work done.

But when they discover that Lane's husband Charles is having an affair, the reason for Lane's recent depression becomes clear. Charles and his mistress Ana turn up at the house for an awkward

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### Museum opens door on historical homes

FIND out how we used to live with Dover Museum's special exhibition about British homes.

Running until September 7, the exhibition recreates full-size examples of rooms from different periods in history from a Roman kitchen to a 1950s bedroom.

The exhibition is free for museum visitors. Museum admission costs £2.50/£1.50 for adults, £1.50 for children and is free for residents of Dover district. Find out more online at [www.dovermuseum.co.uk](http://www.dovermuseum.co.uk).

### March along and catch Tortilla Army's live gig

POPULAR local band Tortilla Army will be performing live in Dover this week.

The four-piece performs a varied range of original material, with a few cover versions thrown in. Catch them at the Louis Armstrong in Maison Dieu Road, Dover, on Friday (Apr 25).

For further details call the pub on 01304 204759. More information about the band can be found at the website [www.myspace.com/tortillaarmy](http://www.myspace.com/tortillaarmy).

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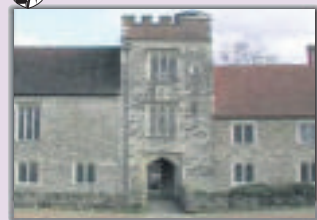
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# yourmusic

## Who else will perform at summer festivals?

BY SIMON ROBINSON

FESTIVAL organisers are sadistic geniuses.

Rather than release their full line-up of performers in one big hit, they opt for the 'drip drip' approach, adding odd bands to the bill in random bursts.

The technique is undoubtedly of genius proportions, as it ensures their festival is the talk of the town week in week out.

But it also gives us honest music fans the chance to partake in a fun new game I'm calling Guess Those Bands.

The rules are simple: Take any festival, look at the number of vacant slots still on the bill and then guess which bands you think will be added in the next batch of confirmed performers. For each correct answer you score one point and a big thumbs up from me.

To start the ball rolling, I give you The Hop Farm Festival, being held in Paddock Wood on Sunday, July 6.

Bosses behind the seven-act one-dayer have already confirmed legend Neil Young as headliner, Primal Scream as main support and Britpop heroes Supergrass and American rockers My Morning Jacket as playing – leaving three spaces for Guess Those Bands.

I'm going to plump for Simply Red, Daphne and Celeste, and Des O'Connor as the other acts rounding off the bill. A safe bet for three points, I'm sure you'll agree.

Let's move forward.

Zoo8's line-up already boasts cover-version star Mark Ronson, Brighton-based British Sea Power and Mercury Music Award-winning Dizzee Rascal among the dozens of artists already confirmed for the Port Lympne week-



**TWO:** Which bands do you think will line-up alongside British Sea Power and Mark Ronson at Zoo8?ender. But the official website states there are "More world class acts and headliners to be announced very soon", giving us a chance to play.

How about Right Said Fred, Status Quo and Shabba Ranks? They'd fit right in alongside Funeral For A Friend, The Cribs and Athlete, I think.

While we're at it, what about the Lounge on the Farm event?

Bearing in mind Art Brut, Black Kids and The Bees have already agreed to play the Canterbury festival, it stands to reason that Rolf Harris, Cilla Black and Babylon Zoo will follow suit.

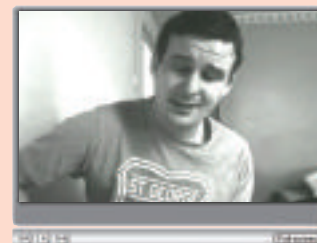


Disclaimer: If I score a single point with my Guess Those Bands predictions I'll retire from the music writing scene a broken and disillusioned man.

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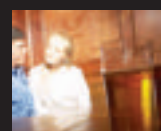
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## Intensely incredible India

BY DAVID FIRTH

THE two customs men looked fierce, and I feared a telling off for losing my landing card between immigration control and the baggage carousel.

But the ice was broken with a bribe of two Cox's apples, and the Delhi airport officials overlooked my absent-mindedness and cheerfully waved me through. It was my first taste of India's extremes – outwardly officious, but in truth, intensely down to earth.

Though I was here as a tourist, my adventure was not to be made backpacker-style. I was to mix luxury with the sights and sounds of one of the world's most romantic buildings, the Taj Mahal.

My visit was in June, and yes, it was hot. Few tourists visit in midsummer, with cooling monsoon rains still a month away. But if you can stand the thermometer hitting the 40 degree mark, it's a quieter and cheaper time to see north India's majestic emblem.

I travelled to Agra, home of the Taj, by road. A distance of 130 miles, Delhi and Agra are directly linked by one of India's finest dual carriageways. But while the highway is indeed wide, my minibus was fighting for space with oxen, bicycle rickshaws, tractors, buses and overloaded trucks.

Only brave or foolhardy visitors would hire a car for the trip. But just under five hours later we were there – pulling into the Oberoi



**BREATH-TAKING:** The Taj Mahal shines with radiance

Amarvilas, where every room boasts a clear view of the Taj Mahal, barely 600 metres away.

The Taj is traditionally visited soon after dawn, or before sunset. I decided to go after sunrise – after first taking in the view from my balcony. The ivory domes rose above the surrounding trees, flown over by green parakeets and jet black crows.

It is almost eerie to see something so familiar. And luckily for me, it had rained a week earlier, so the marble walls were washed of dust and radiated in the sun.

At the gates of the Taj, and indeed outside all tourist traps, hawkers are ready to pounce – and you've got to be ready for them. The persistence of postcard and guide-book sellers can be frustrating. Once through the gates, however, the world is more at peace.

The Taj Mahal was built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the mid 17th century, a monument of love to his favourite wife, queen Mumtaz Mahal. The white marble was carried by elephants from 200 miles away. It took 22 years and 20,000 men to build.

Passing through the red sandstone gateway, the Taj lies dead ahead, beyond the famous watercourse. It was quiet, even after 8am.

Once at the building itself, shoes are removed and you walk to the entrance up smooth, marble steps. Up close, you are confronted with fantastically-intricate stone carvings. Marble screens are inlaid with semi-precious stones such as black onyx, opaque yellow jasper and sea green turquoise.

From 600 metres, or at arm's length, the Taj is breathtaking.

What is amazing to a Western visitor is that so little is off-limits. Because the marble of the Taj is so hard, it has only been polished, not worn, by the millions of hands and feet which have brushed against it.

Such is the Taj's pulling power, there were far more Indians than Western tourists who had come to pay homage. A handful of Muslims prayed in the mosque which lies to the side.

The Indian tourist board's catchphrase is 'Incredible India'. They aren't kidding.

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| Population      | Approx 1.12 billion     |
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| Religion        | Hindu                   |
| Climate         | Tropical                |
| Language        | Hindi/English           |

### Holiday details

David Firth travelled with Air France which flies to Delhi via Paris from nine UK airports including Heathrow (from £428.40).

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Operators with packages to the Taj Mahal include Somak, which offers return flights, transfers and three nights' B&B at the Oberoi Amarvilas from £1,629, including transfers. Eight-night room-only packages, including JET return flights into Delhi and road transfers to Agra, start at £1,199.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

BY TOM BETTS



LOST THE PLOT? Tennant and Tate in Dr Who

**DOCTOR WHO**  
BBC1, 6.20pm, Saturday

"AND before you ask, I had nothing to do with that fire."

No, this wasn't a smatter of chatter from the Isle of Thanet – where the wooden rollercoaster has been wrecked – but David Tennant early on in a recent Doctor Who adventure.

The good Doctor was in Pompeii for the build-up to the big eruption, which naturally all linked in with alien weirdness in some way, somehow.

Not wishing to sound dumb, and undoubtedly failing miserably, I'm finding the sci-fi hit's plotlines almost impossible to follow at the moment.

For a show that relies on younger viewers to make up a large share of its audience, the current crop of Who writers may well be setting the bar a little bit too high.

Either that or I'm just thick.

However, this is not the only problem spooking the Tardis these days.

As latest assistant Donna, Catherine Tate has turned up to wreak havoc in the annals of time, but it's hard to see what she is actually bringing to the party, for this is a sci-fi and a catchphrase-free zone.

Tate aside – and please let's leave her there – it's hard to pinpoint just

where Doctor Who is falling short at the moment.

It looks good, and it is a show I desperately want to like, but it just doesn't seem to click.

One factor may be just that it's a little bit too slick for its own good.

Tennant is the most polished Doctor yet and the days of the wobbly sets and bubblewrap monsters have long been consigned to the skip to be replaced with CGI.

It will be an interesting series and there's still a long way to go.

A certain Billie Piper returns as Rose before too long and the imminent comeback of insane superbaddie, Davros, creator of the Daleks, is also rumoured to be nigh.

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One to have a look at while awaiting dinnertime inspiration, perhaps.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU could hear news of a career matter. Getting a new job gives you enough money to buy a beautiful home. If you don't have the cash to make the purchase, you will be granted a generous loan. Stepping up your exercise routine will give you more energy. Starting a new line of work is always tiring. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

A PARTNERSHIP matter comes to a successful close. You and your associate could switch duties and this will give you a deeper appreciation of each other's talents. Learning a foreign language or going abroad could change the way you see the world. Living could put you on the path to love. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

AN agreement could come to a close. Alternatively, it may be time to sign mortgage papers. This is a wonderful turn of events, as it will put you in a more secure situation. You may have an opportunity to get a better job. Doing work you enjoy will lift your mood dramatically. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

PEOPLE admire the way you speak up for the underdog. Too often, bullies get their way by steamrolling the opposition. You will prove a formidable opponent to these manipulators. Teaming up with a rebel will make your pulse pound. Talk about chemistry! To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

A LEGAL matter could reach a satisfying conclusion. Go out and Celebrate with your nearest and dearest. An unorthodox statement may win the affection of an onlooker who admires the way you march to the beat of your own drum. In turn, you will appreciate their forthright attitude. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

YOU could see exciting results from taking just a little more exercise. People who never looked twice at you are starting to stare with admiring eyes. If you're already in a relationship, your partner may become extra amorous. Prepare to spend lots of time in bed this week. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

PEOPLE have been waiting to know what your next move will be. Send a mass email proclaiming the news. You may decide to embark upon a course of study, or leave a mundane job. It means you may have to take a risk, but even a security orientated person like you needs to take the odd gamble. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOU have a great opportunity to spend quality time by yourself. Developing a business plan is a good idea. Promising job offers could be headed your way. An austere authority figure admires your work ethic. It may be impossible to contain your feelings for the object of your affection. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOU may be tempted to spend a windfall on luxuries, but you'd be better off paying off any debts you have. You're making exciting progress in your career and a promotion comes with a pay raise, too. A surprise visitor could arrive at your door. It's wonderful to see this person after so many years. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

THE opportunity to travel could fall into your lap. Seize it, or somebody else will take your place. You've been restless lately, and you'll enjoy the change. A casual romance could reach its turning point. It's time to decide whether or not you want to take this relationship to the next level. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

STANDING by your principles will yield rewards. People admire your ability to go against conventional wisdom for the sake of the group. You may be given an opportunity to work from home or start your own business. Someone is drawn to your earthy sensuality may have a secret crush on you. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



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### CRYPTIC CLUES

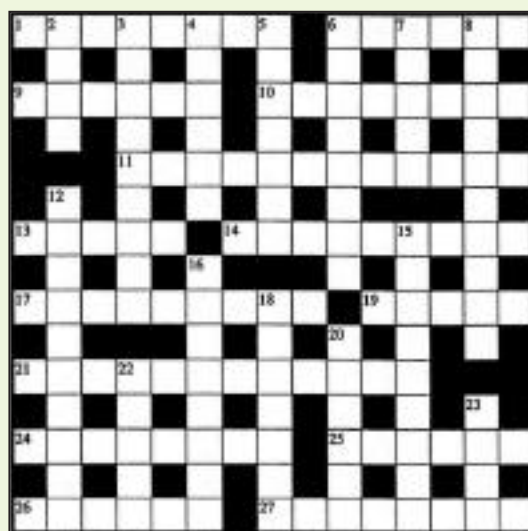
#### ACROSS

- 1 People not well advised to stay here (8)
- 6 Cook's formula? (6)
- 9 Fellow of stone (6)
- 10 Go next day, say, to Biblical city (8)
- 11 Fourth window? (12)
- 13 On Friday Edward did some cooking (5)
- 14 Does this part of the theatre offer scope for the inexperienced? (9)
- 17 Scarf then clock was removed (9)
- 19 One before ten in turbulent new environment was pale (5)
- 21 How gin was made to disappear? (8,4)
- 24 Rest clap wildly when it is eerie (8)
- 25 Cupholder Elizabeth back in the country (6)
- 26 Troubled a corny writer (6)
- 27 Cut back engineers' ditch (8)

#### DOWN

- 2 Not quite round the ground (4)
- 3 Two high-pitched sounds coming from contemptible person (9)
- 4 Doubly dark plaid (6)
- 5 One who leaves smoothly on river (7)
- 6 It was said to be dirty again (8)
- 7 Dog coming from Bacchic orgies (5)
- 8 From photo, erase weapon (10)
- 12 Request made by broadsheet in parliamentary agenda (5-5)
- 15 Off-the-peg is very convenient (5-4)
- 16 It smoothes explosive inflator (8)
- 18 One working overhead about two days for fish (7)
- 20 Cheap American duo took part (3-3)
- 22 Hard to describe these mountains (5)
- 23 Last character included metal (4)

### SCRIBBLE HERE



### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Large airliner (5,3)
- 6 Art movement (6)
- 9 Wildcat (6)
- 10 Laid waste (8)
- 11 Chivalrously (12)
- 13 Thin crisp biscuit (5)
- 14 Romantic play (9)
- 17 Stubbard (9)
- 19 Loud slap (5)
- 21 Mad (5,3,4)
- 24 Woodwind instrument (8)
- 25 Coldest US state (6)
- 26 Header (anag.) (6)
- 27 Game of chance (8)

#### DOWN

- 2 Poisonous tree (4)
- 3 Most offhand (9)
- 4 Sleeveless coat (6)
- 5 Immature frog (7)
- 6 Unyielding (4-4)
- 7 A slab (anag.) (5)
- 8 Colony (10)
- 12 Mystified (10)
- 15 Renounce (9)
- 16 Example (8)
- 18 Loudspeaker (7)
- 20 Feeling of having previously experienced something (4,2)
- 22 Courage (5)
- 23 Burlesque (4)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No32

#### EASY

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### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No32

ACROSS: 1 Lightweight 9 Avatar 10 Gallie 12 Lily pad 14 Alcohol 15 Over the hill 16 Tin 17 Sun 19 Redoubtable 22 Risotto 23 Eternal 24 Abiding 25 Either 26 Pestiferous. DOWN: 2 Involve 3 Hot spot 4 War 5 Ingratitude 6 Helical 7 Old hat 8 Violoncello 11 Bloodstream 13 Dreadnought 18 Mastic 19 Ratline 20 Tweeter 21 Bandeau 25 Elf.

### QUICK SOLUTION No33

ACROSS: 1 Jumbo jet 6 Cubism 9 Jaguar 10 Desolate 11 Quonox 13 Water 14 Round the bend 24 Clarinet 25 Alaska 26 Adhere 27 Routlette. DOWN: 2 WMO 3 Brasquet 4 Jerkin 5 Tadpole 6 Cast-iron 7 Balise 8 Settlement 12 Bamboozled 15 Repudiate 16 Instance 18 Tweeter 20 De la ja vi 22 Nerve 23 Skit.

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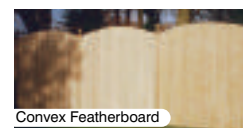
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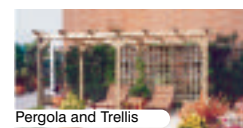
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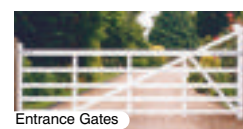
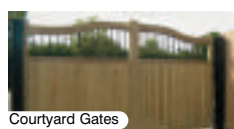
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### STREET KINGS (15)



Keanu Reeves stars as Tom Ludlow, a veteran LAPD cop who finds life difficult to navigate after the death of his wife. When evidence implicates him in the execution of a fellow officer, he is forced to go up against the cop culture he's been a part of his entire career, ultimately leading him to question the loyalties of everyone around him.

### FOOLS GOLD (12A)



Ben Finn Finnegan is an affable, modern-day treasure hunter obsessed with finding the legendary 18th-century Queen's Dowry - 40 chests of treasure lost at sea in 1715. In his quest, Finn has sunk everything he has, including his marriage to Tess. Just as Tess has begun to rebuild her life, Finn discovers a vital clue to the treasure's whereabouts.

### IN BRUGES (18)



Belgian city Bruges is a top destination for travellers from all over the world. But for hit men Ray and Ken, it could be their final destination; a difficult job has resulted in the pair being ordered by their London boss Harry to go and cool their heels in the storybook city for a couple of weeks. And when the call from Harry does finally come, Ken and Ray's vacation becomes a life-and-death struggle.

# Renee and George are simply good friends

■ BY SARAH O'MEARA

EVEN wearing four-inch, black patent Christian Louboutin heels (the ones with the red soles) Renee Zellweger is still half a head shorter than her Leatherheads co-star and director George Clooney.

But as the two discuss his homage to the forties screwball comedy - think witty banter, Bringing Up Baby, raised eyebrows and cloche hats - what the Texan tinkerbelle lacks in size, she makes up for in 'verbosity', as she calls it.

According to Clooney, Zellweger's natural wit and sarcasm, often disguised by her breathy, southern tones, made her the obvious choice for his latest directorial effort.

"We slur. We say 'you know'. But Renee has this incredible ability to walk straight into a period piece," he says admiringly.

In his first directing venture since Good Night And Good Luck, Renee plays Chicago Tribune reporter, Lexie Littleton, on the trail of top football star Carter Rutherford (John Krasinski, from the American version of The Office). Dressed to kill, she is more than a match for any man, and crosses verbal swords with wise cracking football manager, 'Dodge' Connolly (Clooney) at every opportunity.

Set in the late twenties, Leatherheads charts the rise of professional American football. Seen as a game for losers with nowhere else to go after high school, Dodge sets out to change things.

He persuades American college football star and war hero Rutherford to join his team, the Duluth Bulldogs. Soon the players are wearing fur, the stands are packed and sponsorship deals flooding in; but Lexie has her doubts about Dodge's star player.

George and Renee are natural sparring partners, both on and off screen. Speaking about the film, Clooney waxes lyrical about his

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love of forties comedies, while Renee admits to knowing exactly nothing about the genre.

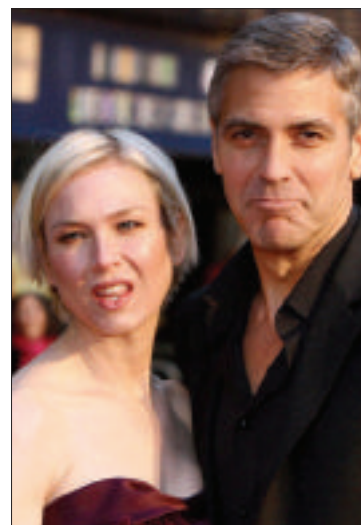
She says: "I just liked the script. Coming from George, believe it or not, it really was good. I'm completely ignorant of cinema history and this fella here had to educate me a little bit. We had screenings in place of rehearsals just to make sure everyone was familiar with the style. It was a challenge. And I didn't want to get hit so I did my homework."

George clarifies cheerfully: "I never did it with a closed fist - always the open hand."

It's hard to stay serious with these two in the room. Renee is as coy, mischievous and irreverent as George is passionate, good-humoured and frank. As the conversation wheels from curling to politics, every opportunity to mock one another is taken.

But despite the speculation, both actors have always claimed to be just good friends.

George says: "I was joking in an interview



**BATTLE:** Renee Zellweger and George Clooney make excellent sparring partners both on and off screen

and I said something like, 'Well I like her a little bit'. And the next day it was all over the papers. She came in and was like, 'Just a little bit?!' Jokes don't often work in print."

But their lack of sexual chemistry off screen doesn't stop sparks flying on set. A series of gorgeous suits and dresses, artfully created by George's favoured production designer Louise Frogley, make Zellweger fairly irresistible and even manage to give the svelte beauty a few curves.



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## PROPERTY NEWS

### House price drop may help us out in the long run

A LEADING economist claims that a small drop in property prices will not be a disaster and may even act as a stabilising influence on the market.

Liam Halligan, of Property Capital Management, said recent reports of a dip in the market should not start alarm bells ringing across the spectrum from homeowners to estate agents.

Instead he claimed any such drop would go some way towards rectifying what is an over-inflated market.

Mr Halligan said: "Should prices flat line, or even fall slightly for a year or two, that would be a good thing – purging the system of excess."

Other analysts have pointed to the fact that a fall – as opposed to the intense growth the market has seen in recent years – could bring balance to the economy with regard to property.

They also say investors could find themselves benefiting from long term stability in a market which historically has periodically corrected itself to maintain equilibrium.

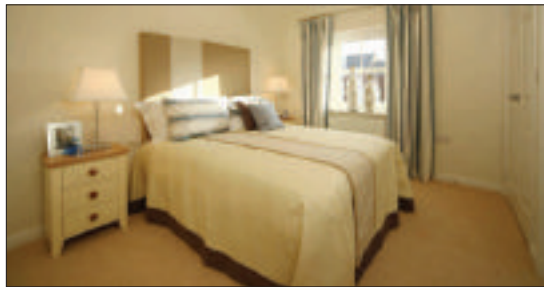
### Save more money when you invest in going green

FAMILIES who buy new homes built by private developers over the next two years could be paying £11,000 to install eco-friendly gadgets in their properties – or face higher fuel bills than those that are built to tough new environmental standards.

New regulations introduced this month require all new homes built by housing associations to become more energy efficient – and slash carbon emissions by 25 per cent. But the Government has given private developers until 2010 to meet the standard.

This means that people who buy in the private sector need to either splash out cash for improvements or face the prospect of long term outlay on bills.

Experts calculate a family that buys a home built by the private sector until April 2010 will have to spend £1,477 more on their gas and electricity over the first 20 years than those living in social housing.



**TRANSFORMATION:** The seaside theme used in this house transforms the look of the rooms, adding colour and shape without being too overbearing

## You just need a theme

■ BY NICK AMES

INTERIOR design can transform a home into a vibrant living space reflecting the character and personalities of the people who live there.

TV shows and style magazines emphasise the expertise necessary to create a stunning living space – but one developer is keen to share knowledge with homeowners looking to redesign their environment without spending a fortune.

Bryant Homes' brand new Conway show-home at its Herne Bay development has recently opened and members of the design team Interior Directions spoke about how they approached designing the wall-to-wall effect.

Jerome O'Shea, managing director of the company, said: "When you're planning to decorate the first step is to think of a theme. Here at Herne Bay we plumped for the most obvious one – seaside living."

"Once you have your theme, think around it. Perhaps gather some inspirational images or colours and put together a mood board so you know which direction you're headed in."

"We wanted a vibrant, fresh, contemporary look suitable for young couples or families who might buy a three bedroom home."

"We picked blue and white as the main colours and traditional images of the seaside provided the accent colours – Punch and Judy,

deckchairs, beach huts. We wanted a really bright, fresh, fun look."

But Mr O'Shea emphasised restraint is as important as creativity when it comes to creating a stylish living space – too many colour clashes and accessories can spoil the effect.

He said: "It would be too much to have these colours all round the house. You have to think about light and shade, and creating restful spaces is just as important. To do this we brought in the natural tones you'd find in a seascape – think sand, sea, sky and driftwood."

"The trick with accessories is don't go overboard."

"Pick a few key items which fit with your theme or tone with your colour scheme. Most importantly you must like looking at them, because you've got to live with them."

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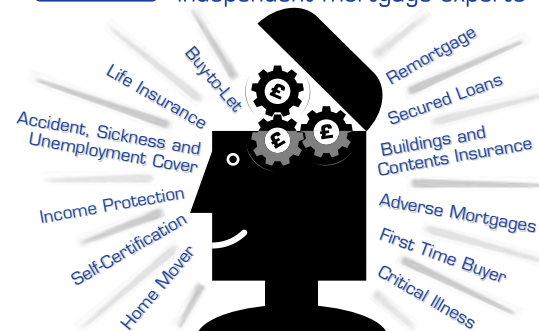


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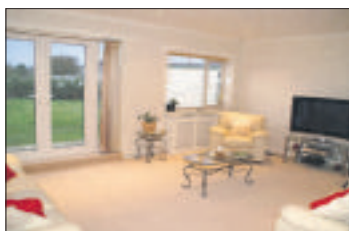
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### SANDWICH

An attached period cottage in need of updating overlooking the River Stour. Sitting room, dining room, third reception/bedroom 4, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and shower room. Rear enclosed courtyard and further courtyard overlooking the river.

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### SANDWICH

A character property in the Conservation Area. Sitting room with oak panelling, fitted kitchen and dining room on the ground floor together with three bedrooms and bathroom on the first floor. Integral garage and enclosed paved rear courtyard.

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### EYTHORNE

A detached, double fronted period property. Hallway, cloakroom, three reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, four bedrooms and bathroom. Gardens to front and rear, and driveway providing parking.

**£350,000**



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An end of terrace older cottage situated in this sought after village with sitting/dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. Rear garden. Suit first time buyer or investor. NO CHAIN

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Calling all knights in shining armour! damsel in distress, 30, needs rescuing... I can't guarantee love, but can guarantee laughs. Box 438462

**LADY MADONNA**  
Single Mum of 2, 35, great SOH, works full time, seeking male with GSOH, fun-loving and romantic, for possible relationship. Box 438417

**UNDER THE BOARDWALK**  
Black female, 32, 5'8", likes cooking, reading, going out, WLTW a nice man 34-50, down-to-earth and fun to be with, to find out more. Box 438585

**EXRESSLY YOURS**  
31yo Chinese girl, 5'4", slim, no children, seeking tall, white, loving, caring, all-Eastern male for serious relationship. Box 438931

**PRETTY WOMAN WANTS HER RICHARD GIERE**  
Hi I'm 37, 5'8", mousey long hair, grey eyes, N/S, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactile, N/S gent, possibly romantic. Box 435674

**SEIZE THE DAY**  
Lovely female, 36, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428696

**READ ME!**  
Lovely single Mum, 38, 5'4", blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTW similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 372889

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
Cute, single mum of 4, 39yrs old, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 879383

**YOUNG-AT-HEART**  
Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curly physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

**OH MANDY**  
Mandy, 38, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional, mum, WLTW honest, romantic N/S male. Box 432633

**THE WIT TO WOOL!**  
Ken, male, 38, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks lovely, caring male, for friendship. Box 432682

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Black, pretty female, 31, new to the Chatham area, loves watching football, shopping, travel; seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437778

**CUDDLY**  
32yr old woman, 5'8", brown hair, curly figure, I enjoy having fun and a laugh, WLTW nice, kind gent. Box 439402

**TAKE ME OUT**  
Single Mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5'8", dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, some drinks, meals and more with. Box 438941

**EQUESTRIAN OF SPORT!**  
Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

**TRY NEW THINGS**  
Mum of 1, I'm 5'4", blonde, slim, young-looking 34, I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH, I like keep-it, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431555

**R U THE 1?**  
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'8", brown hair, blonde eyes, single Mum, seeking male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107

**ROMANCE IS ALIVE**  
Divorced, lovely Mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930

**MUM'S THE WORD**  
Attractive black female, 36, 5'11", slim, medium build, short dark brown hair, brown eyes, single Mum, seeking male 36-40, honest, kind, caring, for potential romance. Box 438329

**THE GENTLE LADY**  
Easygoing female with GSOH, 36, enjoys many things - going out, staying in, seeking a nice, genuine guy for lots of love and laughter. Box 437913

**RECIPE FOR ROMANCE**  
Lovely, 40, slim, like to walk, cinema, looking for nice man to share quality time together and cuddles. Box 437940

**NO REGRETS**  
Bubbly, 40-year-old female, 40, slim, love meeting new people and enjoying life, looking for an understanding man for friendship. Box 895246

**NEVER SAY NEVER**  
Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating, having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664

**ACTIVE ANGEL**  
Hi, I'm a fun-loving woman early 40, 5'7", curly, enjoy eating out and cooking, into walking, looking for man for happiness. Box 894398

**ROUND TWO**  
41yr old female, separated with 3 children, medium build, dark hair, seeking a male to share life with again who enjoys socialising, cinema, music and holidays! Box 437639

**YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL**  
Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTW a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102

**STRIKE OR SPARE!**  
42-year-old female, 5'7", slim, down-to-earth, normal love bowling, cinema, clubs, seeking a male, 40-55, for friendship and more! Box 436163

**FOREVER YOURS**  
Caroline, 42, single mum, likes having fun, eating out, wine bars, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 430952

**ON THE WINGS OF LOVE**  
Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat! Box 895908

**ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE**  
Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378

**COMPLETE**  
Bubbly female, 41, 5'2", N/S, enjoys pubs, restaurants, cinema, GSOH, interior design, seeks like minded, fun male for good times. Box 822703

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

**READ ALL ABOUT IT**  
Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTW N/S man to share things with. Box 429682

**LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE**  
45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation. Box 435484

**MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE?**  
One woman, 45, no ties, one tie, honest, warm and kind. Are you tall, honest, single, motivated, and genuine? If so get in touch. Box 919163

**IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!**  
44yr old female, blonde hair, 5'8", slim, easygoing, enjoys many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with. Box 436810

**NO GAME PLAYERS!**  
Hi, I'm 46, Music, laughter, sensitivity, and love, I guess that's what I want, but with someone special, are you him? Box 156956

**ON A PLATE**  
Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, reddish, likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTW male for fun and friendship. Box 895228

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/care, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 894299

**SOFA SO GOOD!**  
Sally, 46yr old woman, small and slim, brown hair with hazel eyes, likes music, films, animals, days out and laughing on the sofa. Box 895566

**SHINE A LIGHT ON ME**  
I'm Dawn, 47, quite shy and reserved, looking for someone special; I'm 5'8", blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, active, have one dog, work full time. Box 438796

**READY TO START AGAIN**  
Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTW compatible male, starchy build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992

**LOVE CANNOT BE BOUGHT**  
Happy, fit, youthful 48yr old single mum, OAC, very good sense of humour, Likes all the normal social activities. Very honest. Seeking sincere, stable, solvent man. Box 895929

**HUNK SOUTH**  
Marlene, 46, blonde hair, medium build, likes 4x4, gym, quad-biking, a glass of wine, cinema, rugby/soccer/cricket, WLTW sincere youngish guy for friendship and companionship. Box 894117

**ALL THAT I NEED**  
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 40-60, Aylesford. Box 428833

**JUST IMAGINE**  
Petite brunette, bubbly and friendly, enjoys many interests - walking, cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male to see where life takes us. Box 893562

**WHITSTABLE WONDERLAND**  
Hi, I'm Yvette, 50, separated, blonde hair, 5'6", enjoys many interests - walking, cinema, meals and drinks out, reading, walks, looking for male, 40-60, for relationship. Box 420180

**PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!**  
Sporty female, 50, Hatter's based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTW fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, to share life. Box 165387

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**SIMILAR TASTES**  
New to this, I'm a 38yr old woman, and I enjoy walks, theatre, meals out, and WLTW genuine man for company. Box 437774

**SHE'S THE ONE!**  
Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5'10", dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 435908

**STOP THE SHAKES!**  
Hello, 49yr old female, 5'10", blonde, nervous/ outgoing, love music, socialising, simple things in life, seeking a male to look after and settle down with. Box 436633

**DIG DEEPER**  
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover. Box 435441

**ENTERTAIN ME**  
49yr old female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular winning, dining, loving and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438955

**IT'S IN THE AIR**  
Lovely female, 49, divorced, 5'8", shoulder-length blonde hair, green eyes, size 16, likes dining out, staying in, walks in the country, seeking LTR with similar male. Box 437729

**POP CORN FOR 2?**  
Hi, I'm Anne, 50, 5'1", medium build, brown hair/eyes, enjoy bowling, cinema, meals out, walks, like holidays, WLTW a like-minded man who shares interests with. Box 438974

**THE LIGHT OF LOVE**  
50 year old female, hard working, caring, divorced, looking to have that sparkle back in my life, can you provide it? Box 893611

**ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK**  
Lovely, lively, cuddly female, 50, 5'4", enjoys rock music, walking, films, WLTW easygoing male for uncomplicated relationship, good times. Box 894299

**BRIGHTEN UP MY WORLD**  
Lovely and lovely 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 46-56 for friendship. Box 909974

**ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?**  
Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 435885

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Wing male, 33, 6'1", fair hair/eyes, eyes, slim, I like cinema, theatre, meals out, cosy nights in with a take away, keeping fit. Box 428767



## MOTORS NEWS



### New Jeep Cherokee goes back to basics

JEEP is recreating a winning formula with the all-new Cherokee due in May, using a look that launched the same model and the brand here in 1993.

Estate car capacity was married to rugged genuine off-road ability in the best Jeep tradition and at an affordable price. The new car is said to retain the same selling points while being better on-road.

The new Cherokee features the familiar 2.8-litre Mercedes-Benz diesel that has enabled Jeep and other Chrysler Group brands to grow UK sales.

This engine is mated with 'Selec-Trac II' full-time four-wheel drive plus a six-speed manual or five-speed automatic gearbox.



### Why Insignia labels Vauxhall's ambition

VAUXHALL'S intention to attack premium car makers has gained weight from the unveiling of the stunning Vectra replacement – the Insignia.

Due in October, the new car looks muscular and purposeful with a coupé-style roofline and distinctive design line running from behind the front wheel.

Ironically, it is not only the likes of Audi and BMW who will be curious to see if the Insignia is as good as it looks; Ford also responded to the premium threat by launching an upmarket Mondeo replacement in 2007.



### Clever new generation Peugeot estate/MPV

PEUGEOT has announced attractive pricing for the latest of its distinctive SW line of estate car cum MPVs.

The new 308SW starts at £14,395 and carries over while improving hallmarks of the 307SW it replaces, such as a 27 per cent larger panoramic glass roof available on higher spec models.

There is also the usual wide array of diesel engines and certain models will be available with Michelin energy-saving tyres able to boost fuel economy by up to a fifth.



**BUILT TO LAST:** With its sporty looks and a seven-year/100,000-mile warranty, the new Kia Proceed is well worth a look and is proof of the Korean marque's fast-improving status

# Never mind the width – 'Proceed' to the quality

NEVER mind the quality, feel the width summarised the first Kia I ever road tested.

That previous generation Rio was crude and even broke down after I had filed the story.

How far the Korean marque has come in the five years since then; this week's road test Proceed not only feels bulletproof, but is backed by a seven-year/100,000-mile warranty, unique to selected Kias.

OK, Kia simply looked and learned from the best European marques, but the speed and execution has been awesome; the Proceed is styled and engineered to European standards and built in a state-of-the-art Slovakian factory.

This three-door hatch is based on the Ceed five-door launched last year, but justifies its sportier name by being slightly longer and lower, enhanced visually by a high waist, longer side doors, dramatic body line and tailgate spoiler.

However, it retains the airiness and boot of the Ceed, though a fixed rear seat cushion denies the flat load floor of the parent

## ROAD TEST CHEVROLET CAPTIVA

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Image          | ★★★★★ |
| Space          | ★★★★★ |
| Value          | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs  | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability    | ★★★★★ |
| Green rating   | ★★★★★ |

car, even if the 60/40 split backrest remains.

The seats are well designed and interior materials, fit and finish are better than most mainstream rivals, yet the Kia still offers superb value – from £11,795 including air con, alloys and iPod/MP3 player compatibility as standard, plus that 'buy and forget warranty'.

We put the car's sporting looks to the test by climbing into the current Proceed flagship, the 138bhp 2.0-litre diesel Sport (£15,495), which has plenty of low down clout and can set the front wheels scrabbling if you aim for the car's claimed 10-second 0-60mph time, but it can be raucous and I prefer the all-round appeal of Kia's smaller 1.6-diesel unit.

This 2.0-litre Proceed can be hustled though, even if it does push its nose wider on bends and the ride can get fidgety. Used sensibly though, this model is refined at speed and frugal – it can average 50mpg – helped by a smooth six-speed gearbox, while CO2 emissions of only 149 grams should appeal to the fleet market. A hot hatch 'halo model' is also said to be in the pipeline.



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### SMALL MPVS

SMALL MPVs have become hot property in the used car market as manageable family holdalls that are flexible and cheap to run. Some contenders have the drawback of being rather bloated in style with a rolling gait on the bends, but our choice here offer all the space that buyers demand plus decent driving manners and a spread of good engine options, including quality diesels. The Peugeot 206SW – no longer sold new – also shows that small MPVs do not have to be dull one box or 'monocab' designs either.

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#### VAUXHALL MERIVA



NOT quite as influential as Vauxhall's bigger Zafira perhaps, but the Meriva is a popular used buy with families seeking a manageable yet capacious family holdall. The car also drives and handles well and offers a higher driving position than equivalent family hatches and estates, without being ridiculously lofty. Add Vauxhall's usual 'Flex' system interior features, a reputation for reliability and a good range of engines including diesels and you can see why Meriva used prices can be high.

##### STAR QUALITY

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space           | ★★★★★ |
| Value           | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs   | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability     | ★★★★★ |
| Quality         | ★★★★★ |

#### FORD FOCUS C-MAX



HISTORY will show this was a pivotal model for Ford. The C-Max has proved to be the first 'driver's MPV', even if it was criticised for lacking the seven seats of the rival Vauxhall Zafira. However, the virtues of smart looks, excellent build and excellent yet affordable high-spec models can be added to good handling. With jointly developed and smoother diesels from Ford's partnership with Peugeot-Citroen, the C-Max can also compete with anything for smoothness, economy and power.

##### STAR QUALITY

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
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| Reliability     | ★★★★★ |
| Quality         | ★★★★★ |

#### PEUGEOT 206SW



HERE is an MPV for people who do not want a car that looks like an MPV. Peugeot has a recent tradition for developing SW models that are really blown up estates with the space and versatility to attack rival MPVs without the penalty of being unwieldy or ugly. The 206SW is affordable and has all the handling panache of the 206 hatch – Peugeot's best-selling model ever – and can be bought with one of the French marque's enviable diesel engines.

##### STAR QUALITY

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| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
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A4, 1.9tdi 130 se estate, 2003, blue m with grey cloth, 67000 miles, £8950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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3, 2002, grey, 62684 miles, £8995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

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## JEEP

GRAND CHEROKEE, 1997, green, 180000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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**Area Team Leader - Primary Mental Health Project Manager**  
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Swale

Do you have experience of and commitment to working with young people, and could you support and offer guidance to other colleagues?

We are seeking to appoint a Team Leader who is bright, full of ideas and enjoys using their initiative, to join our dedicated and highly effective staff team.

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In addition to the Project Manager duties, the Area Team Leader will be expected to work closely with all agencies, schools and communities to identify networking opportunities and establish firm partnerships. You will take a shared responsibility for supporting other staff delivering in the same area, with a particular focus on the co-ordination of services, induction and training.

We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with young people, ideally in primary phase. Ref: CFE/08/0147

Closing date: Midday, 8th May 2008.

**Partnership with Parents**  
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Shepway Centre, Maidstone

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Location: South Kent College, Folkestone

Post: 15 hours per week

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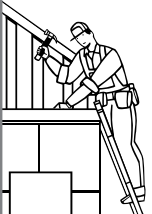
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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Vehicle fleet deal helps local economy

ASHFORD construction company GSE Building & Civil Engineering recently took delivery of a fleet of 19 vehicles after linking up with locally based company Kenhire.

The three-year deal is for the supply and maintenance of the company's entire commercial fleet and represents the second long-term agreement between the two companies.

GSE director Derek Gilburd said: "Keeping such investments with local companies is not only vital for the local economy but helps to maintain employment and encourages other local businesses to think about sourcing from within Ashford."

### Will you get an offshore amnesty?

PEOPLE with offshore bank accounts who came forward under last year's tax 'amnesty' will have been waiting anxiously to hear whether their disclosure has been accepted.

This is because HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) has until April 30 to start asking questions about disclosures made under the Offshore Disclosure Facility (ODF).

Mike Down, tax investigations partner at accountants, Baker Tilly, said: "HMRC issued a spate of ODF acceptances recently, but it has encountered problems in the past by starting investigations too close to deadlines and will not want to risk this again."

HMRC has started to contact those who didn't come forward under the amnesty.

### Getting ship shape

SEAFRANCE'S newest ferry is getting a £12 million refit at a Dunkirk shipyard prior to its entry to the fleet this summer.

The main aim of the work is to ensure the ship can manoeuvre easily in the docks at Dover to Calais and offer a spacious passenger area for customers.

The SeaFrance Moliere, like others in the fleet, will have two bars, two restaurants, a large boutique shop and a space dedicated to freight and coach drivers.



**IT COULD BE YOU:** Funding and advice is up for grabs

ONE of Britain's most successful property entrepreneurs, Nick Leslau, could soon be sharing his insight and business acumen with an entrepreneur from Kent.

He is donating four days of his time to mentor the winner of the Bank of Scotland Corporate £30 Million Search for Property Entrepreneurs.

In addition to the £10 million interest-free funding, time with Mr Leslau will provide the winning business with the extra edge it needs to bring about its property dreams.

Mr Leslau is chairman and chief executive of the Prestbury Group, which owns real estate across the country, including Alton Towers, Thorpe Park, Warwick Castle and

# Property magnates could win chance in £10 million

Madame Tussauds in central London.

He said: "In the early stage of my career, an injection of £10 million would have made a huge difference when I was growing my business. I'd encourage any local property entrepreneurs to enter the search."

He added: "Entrepreneurs work very hard at finding reasons to do a deal, whereas non-entrepreneurs find lots of reasons not to do a deal."

"Property entrepreneurs need drive, courage and the ability to spot and take an opportunity. "I would also recommend against looking at property on a nice sunny day and never fall in love with a piece of real estate - this is an investment, after all."

While Mr Leslau will lend his advice to the overall winner, the judging panel in Kent will feature two well-known property

entrepreneurs from the region.

Graham Stanley, from Moorfield Group and Edward Wojakowski, from Tonstate, will be joined on the judging panel by senior representatives from Bank of Scotland Corporate, Property Week and Deloitte.

Short-listed applicants in each territory will be given the opportunity to present their business idea to the judging panel, and then each group of finalists will be invited to a prestigious event in their territory.

The three regional winners will then go forward to a national final in December where the bank's overall Property Entrepreneur of the Year will be named.

Entry forms can be downloaded at [www.thebossearch.co.uk](http://www.thebossearch.co.uk) and must be submitted by Monday, June 9.

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AIMING HIGH: Dover can seal a great season with victory in this weekend's play-off

## Can Sharks end on a high?

### RUGBY

#### Dover 36 Lewes 8

DOVER finished the regular season on a high but will have to win a play-off this weekend to complete promotion to London Two South.

Victory at Crabble would have been sufficient to clinch the title on points difference if Gravesend lost their final game, but the league leaders held their nerve.

The Sharks will now travel to face Purley John Fisher RFC, from London 3 West in a play-off match on Saturday.

Dover were confident from the kick off they immediately applied pressure against a visiting side with only pride at stake.

Ben Sedgwick opened the scoring with a penalty early on and in the

down a kick, which led to winger Ricky Mackintosh running over.

After a Lewes penalty, Mackintosh put the finishing touch to a terrific rolling maul, with Sedgwick converting. The final try of the game came after some powerful running by veteran and in-form prop Greg Hewer.

After several phases of play Mackintosh was again on hand to complete his hat-trick, with substitute Mike Marsh kicking the conversion.

The style of victory was exactly what Dover needed and they will go into Saturday's game full of confidence.

Coach Graham Tonks will now hope his side can end an excellent season with one more good performance, which will hand them promotion.

## Deal back on track after Godden goals

ROY Godden gave Deal Town's fans something to shout about in the last home game of the season as he bagged a hat-trick to help beat Sporting Bengal United 3-2.

Prince Pipim put the struggling visitors in front midway through the first half, but Godden struck twice in 15 minutes to send the hosts ahead before the break.

He completed his hat-trick just after the hour mark, but Town had to hang on for the win when Pipim scored his second of the game late on.

Ninth-placed Town finish their league season with a trip to Faversham Town this Saturday.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson on the club's chances of avoiding relegation

## Whites reserves in title triumph

DOVER Athletic's reserves emulated the first team as they romped home to take the Kent League Division Two title with three games to spare.

Gary Whittle's side have been in excellent form all season and have lost just once in 21 league games this term.

By far the strongest team in the division, at one point they won 13 successive games to take control of the table.

With a handful of games left to play, Athletic are an unassailable 14 points clear of their nearest challengers Tunbridge Wells.

The champions' next game is a visit to Ashford Town this Saturday.

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AT LAST: John Keister (left) and Craig Cloke lift the Ryman South title in front of the home fans after Saturday's game and the club now prepare for life in the Ryman Premier League

# Hess proud of his troops as Whites lift Ryman title

### FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

#### Dover 0 Sittingbourne 2

enough as they have been fantastic over the season.

"You have got to give all the credit to Sittingbourne as I thought they were the better side at the end of it."

In truth, Dover were not at the races during the first half and it was only late in the second that they put real pressure on the Sittingbourne goal.

By then Sittingbourne had taken a first-half lead when goalkeeper John Whitehouse was beaten to the ball by Lee Spiller and it fell invitingly for Hicham Akhazzan to slot home from six yards.

The Whites had an excellent chance to go into the half-time break level when they were awarded a penalty after Frannie Collin's strike appeared to hit Billy Manners's arm.

The Dover striker stepped up to take the penalty, but his effort was well saved low down to his right by Bricksies stopper Chris Lewington.

Dover put Sittingbourne under pressure after the interval and they had chances to score through Craig Cloke, Jon Wallis and the returning Lee Browning, but Lewington was equal to all their efforts.

Sittingbourne were then reduced to 10 men for the final 15 minutes when Spiller was awarded a second yellow card for a lunge at Hesselthaler.

However, in the final minute, Hesselthaler brought substitute Richard Brady down in the area and referee Phil Knight had no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

Brady stepped up and slammed the ball home for his first goal in a Sittingbourne shirt.

After the game, the Ryman South title was lifted by Craig Cloke and John Keister and paraded around the ground. With just one game to go, Hesselthaler can now focus on next season.

He said: "Over 42 games we have produced, so it was nice to lift the trophy in front of our home fans."



# Stalemate sets up relegation thriller

## FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

**Folkestone Invicta 0 AFC Hornchurch 0**

A SOLID defensive display saw Folkestone Invicta move out of the Ryman Premier relegation zone and set up a winner-takes-all clash with Maidstone United this weekend.

The draw took Neil Cugley's side above their Kent rivals on goal difference ahead of the season finale at Cheriton Road.

Victory would guarantee Invicta's status for next season, while a draw would be enough providing Carshalton do not win. Defeat would end their four-year stay in the division.

Cugley will give his players the day off today to rest ahead of the game before bringing them to the ground early to make sure the team are sufficiently prepared.

The Invicta boss is pleased his team will go into the game with their destiny in their own hands.

He told Yourshepway: "I think it is important. I like the fact it is up to us - I would have rather not done it like that, but if we can't win or don't get enough points it's our fault and nobody else's."

Following Saturday's nerve-shredding 5-4 win at Margate, it was always likely that Folkestone would not repeat the highs in a game 48 hours later.

Hornchurch are heading for the play-offs and they retained possession much better than their opponents in a tight first half.

Despite having less of the ball, Folkestone created the better chances before the break, with Kevin Watson twice coming close.

The full-back first saw his left-footed drive fly just wide from 20 yards before having a header cleared off the line.

Hornchurch striker Simon Parker missed the best chance of the match on 32 minutes. Invicta goalkeeper Luke Stonebridge fumbled a free-kick, but Parker blazed the rebound over.



**FITNESS RACE:** Leigh Bremner limped out of Monday night's goalless draw against Hornchurch with a bruised heel but should recover in time for the Ryman Premier relegation showdown with Maidstone United at Cheriton Road

The second half had even less incident as both sides cancelled each other out.

Jimmy Corbett almost snatched a late winner, but his shot was well parried by Dale Brightly in the visitors' goal.

Cugley said: "We didn't set up to get a draw - we wanted to carry on from Saturday, but I think that game to a lot of us. We have a very young side with a lot of teenagers and it's

great to have all this energy, but sometimes you need physical strength to get through two games so quickly."

Leigh Bremner, who scored four goals to set up the win at Margate, limped off with a bruised heel but should recover in time for Saturday

• **Invicta take on Maidstone United at Cheriton Road on Saturday (3pm).**



**GOOD EFFORT:** The Lions gave it their best shot

## Lions end season in creditable third

### RUGBY

**Gravesend 19  
Deal & Betteshanger 3**

DEAL & Betteshanger were unable to spoil Gravesend's title party as they finished an encouraging season in third place.

The champions-elect went into the game knowing defeat could hand the title to Dover, but they showed no signs of nervousness and took their chances.

The hosts took the lead and never looked back, leading 16-0 before Tom Best scored the Lions' only points with a penalty just before the break.

A strong wind hampered both sides in the second half and a solitary Gravesend penalty was the only successful score before the final whistle.

Defeat ended a run of seven successive league victories but David Storrie, Deal's director of rugby was pleased with the campaign as a whole.

He said: "We didn't play our best rugby because we were not allowed to by Gravesend. We were missing a few players due to injury which did not help but overall I am very happy with third position in the league."

"We have had a great year, it started off brilliantly early on when we played some excellent rugby and were at the top of the league. The mid-season defeats in December cost us really slipping up against a few sides but we finished strongly."

"Next season I hope we can build on the success, but I think we will lose a couple of players to Canterbury. I am very happy for them if they do move because it shows that the club is doing very well to produce players."

"I am very proud of the club and it is a credit to the town. The players enjoy playing together in a team and that is something very special."

# Boss worried about Town's form



**WORRY:** Hythe manager Paul Fisk is unhappy with recent performances

**HYTHE TOWN** boss Paul Fisk admits he is concerned about his side's sudden loss of form, which he believes is down to next month's League Cup final.

Less than a month ago, Hythe were on course to win the Kent League title but since winning their cup semi-final, performances have begun to suffer.

They produced a lack-lustre display in the final game at the Reachfields on Saturday, which was the club's first goalless draw of the season.

Fisk said: "At the moment we appear to be going through the motions. It seems to be no matter how hard we try we can't get away from the cup final."

"My worry is we are out of form, players are starting to be a bit tentative not wanting to get injured before the game. But can you just turn form on again for the final?"

"I think we can change it on the day, I trust my players and I think we will be all right but they are not making selection easy."

## FOOTBALL

**Hythe Town 0  
Greenwich Borough 0**

After losing 4-1 at Erith & Belvedere in the previous game, the hosts started fairly brightly and enjoyed the best of a tight first half.

But the game disintegrated after the break as Hythe went two league games without a victory for the first time this season.

Fisk took some positives from the game, which saw 47-goal striker Buster Smitten and Joe Neilson return to action.

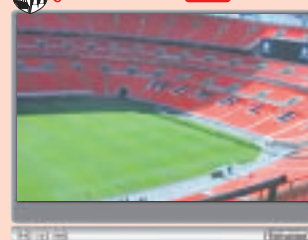
Dave Cook limped off with a recurring calf injury late on, but it is not believed to be serious.

Hythe visit Tunbridge Wells on Saturday in the last league game of the season. It will be the last chance the players get to win their place in the starting line-up for the final against Erith Town next month.

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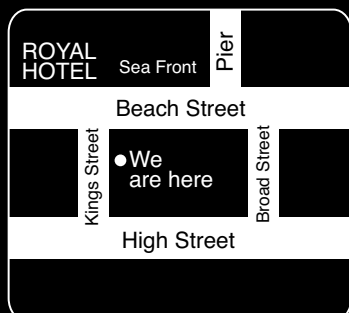
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